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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

FIRST NAMED INVENTOR OR APPLICATION IDENTIFIER: **Smits et al.**

TITLE: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN IMPLANTABLE ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS**

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.10. I hereby certify that this Utility Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Box Patent Application, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, "EXPRESS No EV 019 707 229 US, on this 9th day of January, 2002

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☒ **Patent Application Transmittal**

☒ **Specification:**

**Total pages:** 32 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 22 sheets; Claims 9 sheets; Abstract 1

☒ **Drawings:**

**Total sheets:** 6

☒ formal ☐ informal

☒ **Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:**

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☐ copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

☐ Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*

☒ **Accompanying application parts:**

☐ Notification of filing a

☐ Assignment of the Invention to Medtronic, Inc.

☐ Assignment cover sheet

☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ PTO Form 1449

☒ Copies of IDS citations

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.

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IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a ☐ continuation  
☐ division ☐ continuation in part of application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.  
(At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☐ The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.

☐ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	Claims Included in Base Fee	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	25	20	= 5	x 18	90
Independent Claims	6	3	= 3	x 84	252
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		0	+ 280	0
Basic Filing Fee					\$740.00
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